

National Heritage Areas: An Introduction

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What is a heritage area?



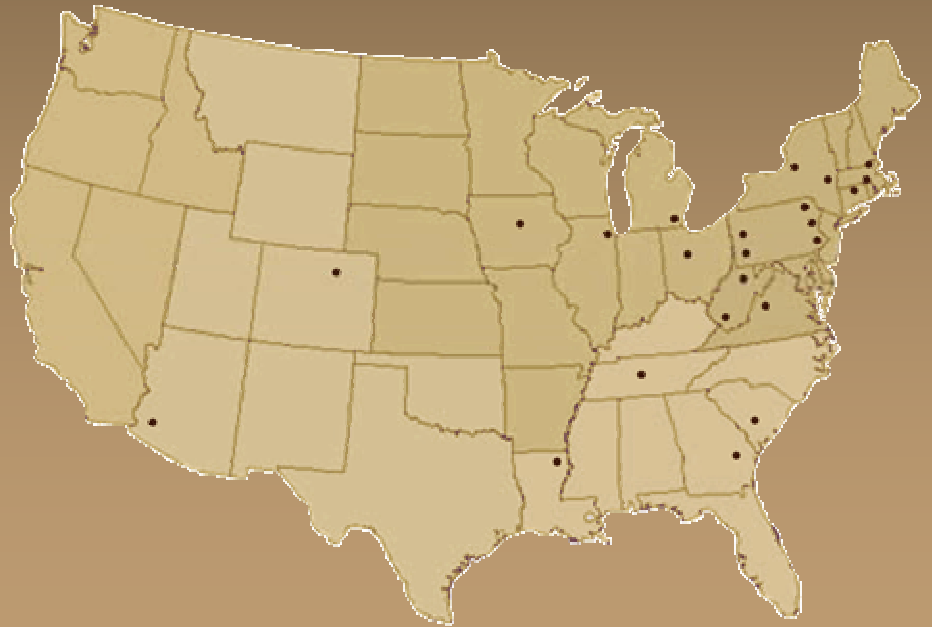
Heritage Areas as a Strategy

- Jumping boundaries
- Building Partnerships
- Planning around *shared heritage*



All about National Heritage Areas

- 24 National Heritage Areas
- Designated between 1984-2003
- Primarily in the East



National Significance

- 10 Criteria
- Community/ constituent Involvement
- Management and Planning Strategy
- 4 Critical Steps



The Role of the National Park Service

- Feasibility Studies
- National Importance
- Opportunities for Resource Conservation
- Local Support and Involvement



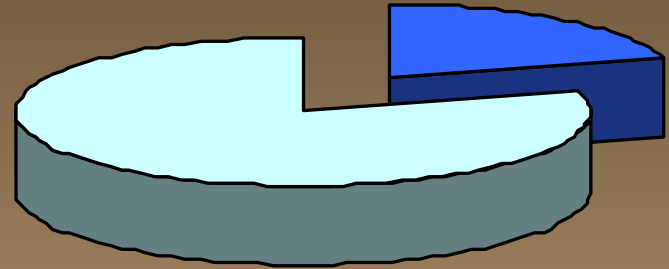
Assistance to Heritage Areas

- Technical Assistance
- Management Planning
- Funding
- Partnership
- Branding



Statistics of the Heritage Areas Program

- 18 States
- 159,000 square miles
- 113 Congressional Districts
- 46 million people
- 20% of all National Historic Landmarks



Growth of the Heritage Areas Program

- Study bills for 8 areas; designation bills for 15 areas
- State Programs multiplying...PA, LA, NY, UT, MD...
- Over 200 “AD HOC” Areas



Trends in Heritage Areas

- Moving West
- Better Planning
- More Diverse
- Partnering with NPS Units



Questions?

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